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THE HON. SRIMATHI JOTHI VENCATACHELLUM: (a) Three medical officers are reported to have taken second spouses while the first one was alive and one Woman Medical Officer married a person who had a wife living.

(b) Action was proposed to be taken against the Woman Assistant Surgeon for contracting a bigamous marriage. She however obtained an annulment order from the Court and further action against her was dropped. Under the rules, no action could be taken against the other three officers, who took second spouses several years ago.

Government hospital at Kancheepuram

*40 *Q.*—DR. A. SREENIVASAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether any representation has been received recently by the Government about the maladministration of the Government Hospital at Kancheepuram; and, if so, the action taken or proposed to be taken thereon;

(b) whether it is a fact that the medical officers do not attend the hospital at stated hours according to standing orders of the hospital; and

(c) whether any representation about the non-availability of materials for treatment and nursing in the hospital has been received by the Government and, if so, the action proposed to be taken in the matter?

THE HON. SRIMATHI JOTHI VENCATACHELLUM: (a) Yes. The staff concerned including the Medical Officer in charge of the hopsital have already been transferred from the institution.

(b) Some of the medical officers, who were not previously attending the hospital in time, were warned to be punctual in their attendance. They are now attending the hospital regularly as per the hospital standing orders.

(c) No.

SRI M. SUBBIAH CHETTIAR: Is there any time fixed for attending the hospital with respect to the Honorary Surgeons?

THE HON. SRIMATHI JOTHI VENCATACHELLUM: There is no time fixed. They have special days for admission and they are supposed to be early in the morning by 7-30 on those days and on other days they come after 10 o' clock.

SRI K. BALASUBRAMANYA AYYAR: Will the Hon. Minister visit the General Hospital and other hospitals?

THE HON. SRIMATHI JOTHI VENCATACHELLUM: I read the hon. Member's speech yesterday and I would like to tell him that almost every other week I visit the hospital.

திரு. ஏ. கே. தங்கவேல் முதலியார்: நிர்வாகத்தில் ஒழுங்கீனம் என்று சொல்கிருர்களே அது என்ன ஒழுங்கீனம் என்று தெரியவில்லை. அதை விளக்கவேண்டும்.

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THE HON. SRIMATHI JOTHI VENCATACHELLUM : It is not a question of maladministration. There were some reports about the doctors neglecting certain duties.

'மால் பிராக்டீஸ்' என்று சொல்வதற்கில்லை. சில பேஷெண்ட்கள் அங்கு வந்தபோது சரியாக அவர்களைக் கவனிக்கவில்லை என்ற கம்ப்ளைண்ட் அரசாங்கத்திற்கு வந்தது. அதையெல்லாம் பார்த்து சர்க்கார் ஆவன செய்யவேண்டுமென்றும், சில ரிஜிஸ்டர்கள் கேஸ் ஷீட்டுகள் காணுமற்போய்விட்டது என்றும் சில பேர்கள் கம்ப்ளைண்ட் கொடுத்தார்கள்.

MR. CHAIRMAN : A question like this came up before the House some time before which the Hon. Minister answered.

Questions are over.

[*Note.*—**An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.**]

II—ANNOUNCEMENT *RE* MESSAGE FROM THE ASSEMBLY.

MR. CHAIRMAN : I have received a message from the Hon. Speaker, Legislative Assembly, transmitting a copy of the Madras City Municipal Corporation, District Municipalities and Panchayats (Amendment) Bill, 1964 (L.A. Bill No. 2 of 1964), as passed by the Assembly, and signed by him, for the concurrence of the Council.

III—DISCUSSION ON THE GOVERNOR'S ADDRESS—*cont*

* THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : I am grateful to all
10-40 a.m. the hon. Members of this House for the admirable manner in which the debate on the Governor's Address was carried on and the large number of suggestions for improvement in the administration that were offered in the course of the debate. In fact the whole atmosphere was one of harmony. There was no bitterness or rancour in any of the speeches. It might well become a model of a Legislative Assembly debate. It does not mean that either the criticism was less sharp or the manner of expressing them as well as making the suggestions was less forceful. The way in which the hon. Members expressed their points of view really struck me and it is my duty to convey my feelings to the House.

First of all, I would like to thank the mover of the Motion for the clear manner in which he has explained the policies of the Government and put forward various suggestions of his own for improvement. The Leader of the Opposition in his own inimitable manner, in a speech full of charm, explained how in certain fields, the activities of the Government of India were disturbing the economy of this country. At the same time he paid handsome compliments to the State Administration in the field of education, industrial development, etc. I am grateful to the Leader of the Opposition for the very warm appreciation expressed by him for the Government's work. Rather than taking individual speeches